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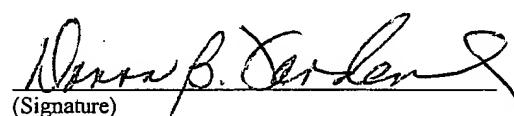
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO
FINAL OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 23, 2004**

This is in reply to the FINAL REJECTION of March 23, 2004.

Applicant is enclosing a 132 Declaration that refutes the Examiner's obvious rejection.